

STATE FORESTRY SERVICE

House Bill 1115, adopted in the 2008 session of the General Assembly, increased the amount of funding that localities are mandated to pay the Department of Forestry for their services. The rate increased to \$0.07 per acre of forest land in FY 2009 and to \$0.09 per acre of forest land in FY 2010.

The FY 2011 amount is level funded at \$23,367 - 241,436 acres of forested land at \$0.09 per acre.

3/30/2010 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
FUND #100 STATE FORESTRY SERVICE

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E X P E N S E

ACCOUNTING PERIOD 2010/02

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032400 STATE FORESTRY SERVICE
032400-5600 CONTRIBUTIONS
--TOTAL DEPARTMENT--

----- Prior Years -----			----- Current Year -----		--2010/2011 Budget Year----		
Expenditure 2006/2007	Expenditure 2007/2008	Expenditure 2008/2009	Adopted Budget	Actual On 2010/02	Department Request	County Admin Recommends	Adopted Budget
12,982	12,982	18,175	23,367	21,729	23,367	23,367	
12,982	12,982	18,175	23,367	21,729	23,367	23,367	
TOTAL - STATE FORESTRY SERVICE					23,367	23,367	
12,982	12,982	18,175	23,367	21,729			
TOTAL FOR FUND					23,367	23,367	
12,982	12,982	18,175	23,367	21,729			
FINAL TOTAL					23,367	23,367	
12,982	12,982	18,175	23,367	21,729			

§ 10.1-1124. Counties and certain cities to pay annual sums for forest protection, etc.

A. Upon presentation to its governing body of an itemized statement duly certified by the State Forester, each county in this Commonwealth, or city which enters into a contract with the State Forester under § [10.1-1125](#) to provide forest fire prevention, shall repay into the state treasury annually any amounts expended in the preceding year by the State Forester in such county or city for forest protection, forest fire detection, forest fire prevention and forest fire suppression, not to exceed in any one year an amount measured by the acreage, computed, beginning July 1, 2008, upon the basis of seven cents per acre of privately owned forests in the county or city and beginning July 1, 2009, nine cents per acre, according to the most recent United States Forest Survey. In any additions or deductions of acreage from that given by this survey, any land, other than commercial orchards, sustaining as its principal cover a growth of trees or woody shrubs shall be considered forest land, irrespective of the merchantability of the growth, and cutover land shall be considered as forest land unless it has been cleared or improved for other use. Open land shall be considered as forest land when it bears at least 80 well-distributed seedlings or sprouts of woody species per acre. The amounts so repaid by the counties or cities into the state treasury shall be credited to the Forestry Operations Fund for forest protection, forest fire detection, forest fire prevention and forest fire suppression in the Commonwealth and, with such other funds as may be appropriated by the General Assembly or contributed by the United States or any governmental or private agency for these purposes, shall be used and disbursed by the State Forester for such purposes. In cities this subsection shall be subject to § [10.1-1125](#).

B. In any case in which the State Forester and the governing body of any county or city cannot agree upon the additions or deductions to privately owned forest acreage in a particular county or city, or to changes in forest acreage from year to year, the question shall be submitted to the judge of the circuit court of the county or city by a summary proceeding, and the decision of the judge certified to the governing body and to the State Forester, respectively, shall be conclusive and final.

(Code 1950, § 10-46; 1964, c. 79; 1984, c. 715; 1986, c. 567; 1988, c. 891; 2008, c. [254](#).)

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Change in the County Protection Charge

The Virginia General Assembly established the fee in 1988 at a rate of 5 cents per acre of forest land. The rate has remained at that level until last year after Delegate Watkins Abbitt introduced legislation to adjust the fee due to the increased costs of fire suppression from inflation. With the support of the Virginia Association of Counties, the bill was approved and signed into law on March 4, 2008.

Effective July 1, 2008, the County Protection charge adjusted from 5 cents per acre of forest land to 7 cents per acre of forest land. The rate changed to 9 cents per acre of forest land in July 2009.

In addition, the United States Forest Service has published the most recent Forest Survey; therefore, most counties will be billed on an updated acreage figure. If you have any questions about your bill, please contact our Fiscal Director, Faye DiFazio at 434-977-6555.

The Virginia Department of Forestry is committed to protecting and developing healthy, sustainable forest resources for Virginians.

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Contribution

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY		
INITIAL	FILL IN	DATE
	GOODS RECD./SERVICES RENDERED	
	EXTENSIONS ARE CHECKED	
<i>GW</i>	APPROVED FOR PAYMENT	9/22/09
<i>MLA</i>	INVOICE PAID	9-1-09
ENTER CHECK #	DATE OF CHECK	DATE OF PAYMENT

August 24, 2009

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

In accordance with Section 10.1-1124 of the Code of Virginia, I certify the expenses itemized below are due and payable for forest fire control in SOUTHAMPTON and is correct according to the records maintained by this Department.

Carl E. Garrison III

State Forester of Virginia

County/City: SOUTHAMPTON

FISCAL YEAR OF SERVICES: 2009-2010

Acres 241436.00 @ 0.09 per acre \$ 21729.24

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ 21729.24

(Make Check Payable to: STATE FORESTER)

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